Year	Requirement of funds made by State Government	Funds Allocated by the Ministry
1993-94	84.664	91.67
1994-95	56.36	87.59
1995-96	252.89	109.84
1996-97	116.21	205.49
1997-98	267.62	276.71
1998-99	174.23	241.44
TOTAL	1626.438	1611.30

Amendment of Major Port Trust Act

2112. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to amend the Major Port Trust Act; and

(b) whether Government are interested in further amending the Act in order to invite private capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Fund required for Maintenance of Ports

2113. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of capital which will be required for maintenance and running of the major ports of the country;

(b) whether Government have found out the capital for the same; and

(c) the time-frame fixed for the purpose?